

HOUSE BILL 1256

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 13; Title 49, Chapter 2; Title 49, Chapter 3; Title 49, Chapter 5 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to public schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

An LEA has the authority and power to exercise all flexibility granted to public charter schools under chapter 13 of this title, including applying for waivers of laws and state board rules under § 49-1-201(d) and § 49-1-203 that inhibit or hinder the LEA's ability to meet its goals or comply with its mission. An LEA is encouraged to exercise this flexibility to develop and implement creative and innovative school programs that meet the specific needs of its students.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.